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EPA-HQ-2015-009764	HQ	YES	YES	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	AnneClaire Stapleton
EPA-HQ-2015-009776	HQ	YES	YES	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	AnneClaire Stapleton

EPA-R6- 2015-009765	R6	YES	YES	Media	Request	Research Records	AnneClaire Stapleton
EPA-R8- 2015-004247	R8	NO	NO	Commercial	Request	Assignment Determination	Nathan Longenecker

EPA-R8-2015-009712	R8	YES		Media	Request	Assignment Determination	Dan Elliott
EPA-R8-2015-009755	R8	YES	NO	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	Gabriel Sanchez
EPA-R8-2015-009756	R8	YES	YES	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	Jordan Golson
EPA-R8-2015-009757	R8	YES	YES	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	Jordan Golson

EPA-R8-2015-009766	R8	YES	YES	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	AnneClaire Stapleton
EPA-R8-2015-009774	R8	YES	NO	Other	Request	Assignment Determination	Michael Glaser
EPA-R8-2015-009777	R8	YES	YES	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	AnneClaire Stapleton

EPA-R8-2015-009779	R8	YES	YES	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	Dan Elliott
EPA-R8-2015-009808	R8	YES	YES	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	Jessica G. Glenza
EPA-R8-2015-009834	R8	YES	YES	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	Sam Pearson

EPA-R8-2015-009852	R8	YES	PENDING	Commercial	Request	Assignment Determination	collin kennedy
EPA-R8-2015-009871	R8	YES	PENDING	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	Chuck Ross
EPA-R8-2015-009885	R8	YES	PENDING	Media	Request	Assignment Determination	Brooke A. Rogers
EPA-R8-2015-009907	R8	YES	NO	Commercial	Request	Submitted	Scott Klingensmith
EPA-R9-2015-009767	R9	YES	YES	Media	Request	Closed	AnneClaire Stapleton

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Associated Press	08/07/2015	EPR	09/08/2015
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Associated Press	08/11/2015	EPR	09/09/2015
The Guardian	08/12/2015	EPR	09/10/2015
Environment & Energy Publishing	08/12/2015	EPR	09/11/2015

	08/13/2015	EPR	09/11/2015
The Daily Caller	08/14/2015	EPR	09/14/2015
National Review	08/14/2015	EPR	09/15/2015
Flatirons Toxicology, Inc.	08/14/2015	EPR	N/A
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Sunnyside Gold Corporation hereby requests the following records from EPA:

1. All records generated, modified, received or sent after February 14, 2013, relating to the Consent Decree between Sunnyside Gold Corporation and the Colorado Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Case No. 94-CV 5499, District Court, City and County of Denver, Colorado (the "Consent Decree"), including but not limited to documents reflecting communications between and among EPA, the State of Colorado and third parties relating to the Consent Decree, and internal EPA communications relating to the Consent Decree.
2. All records generated, modified, received or sent after January 14, 2013, relating to Kinross Gold Corporation, Sunnyside Gold Corporation, Echo Bay Mines Ltd., Echo Bay, Inc., White Pine Gold Corporation and TVX Gold Incorporated.
3. All records generated, modified, received or sent after January 14, 2013, relating to Washington Mining Company, UV Industries, United States Smelting and Refining Company and Mueller Industries.
4. All records generated, modified, received or sent after January 14, 2013, relating to Todd Hennis, Colorado Goldfields Corporation, San Juan Corporation and Salem Minerals, Inc.
5. All records generated, modified, received or sent after January 14, 2013, relating to Gold King Mines Corporation.
6. All records relating to the Mayflower Mill and Tailings area located in San Juan County, Colorado.
7. All records relating to water quality in the reach of the Upper Animas River between gaging Station A-68 and the gaging station at Howardsville, Colorado.
8. All records generated, modified, received or sent after January 14, 2013, relating to the American Tunnel located in San Juan County, Colorado.
9. All records generated, modified, received or sent after January 14, 2013 relating to Cement Creek located in San Juan County, Colorado

1. Planning and design documents for entering the Gold King Mine in La Plata County, Colorado, to investigate whether and how to pump wastewater out of the mine for cleanup and disposal.
2. Any risk assessments drawn up for entering the Gold King Mine.
3. Any EPA guidelines and/or requirements for safety measures, planning and designing entry into inactive mines for the purposes of cleanup activities.
4. The name of the on-site supervisor for the planned entry into the Gold King Mine, which resulted in a blowout on Aug. 6, 2015.
5. The name of the company or companies that provided contract labor, equipment or other services for the planned entry into the Gold King Mine.

I am requesting that the EPA disclose the name and contact information for any and all contracting companies that were working in the Gold King Mine, near the Animas River in Colorado, the budget or bid that the company was awarded and the length of stay that the company was on the job.

I request all river water data samples from the Gold King Mine spill in Colorado and New Mexico, from the affected portions of the Animas and San Juan rivers. The data should include metal content and other similar data points including any preliminary data taken from the river from July 1 2015 through the processing of this request. I also request any data samples acquired through third parties.

I request any and all emails, meeting notes, incident action plans, and other similar items from any EPA employees or contractors working on the Gold King mine cleanup project in Silverton, CO from January 1 2014 through the processing of this request.

This includes all communications between parties discussing the Gold King mine disaster and the ongoing cleanup effort, in particular any discussions between EPA staff/contractors and other Government and NGO's about what, when, and how to disclose information to the public.

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I am interested in receiving all the Incident/Accident Reports (USEPA, Contractor(s), other agencies, etc.) associated with the 8/5/15 Gold King Mine uncontrolled release.

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(This is related to my previous FOIA, EPA-R8-2015-009712, submitted Aug. 7, 2015, but seeks different documents.)

1. Copies of all written communication, including emails and traditional postal letters, between the EPA and contractors, and officials of any state, county, municipality, Indian tribe or water utility, concerning the EPA's plans to enter the Gold King Mine in Colorado to investigate whether and how to pump wastewater out of the mine for cleanup and disposal.
2. Copies of all written communication, including emails and traditional postal letters, between the EPA and contractors, and officials of any state, county, municipality, Indian tribe or water utility, about the wastewater spilled from the Gold King Mine in Colorado, dating from the time of the spill until the receipt of this request.

My name is Jessica Glenza, I'm a reporter with the Guardian.

I would like to formally request via FOIA email correspondence as described below.

Documents should include:

Any and all email correspondence sent to or from the following Region 8 EPA officials regarding the Gold King Mine, from Aug 4 to Aug 9, 2015.

- Martin Hestmarek, Assistant Region 8 Administrator
- Paula Smith, Communications and Public Involvement
- Joan Card, Senior Policy Advisor
- Shaun McGrath, Region 8 Administrator
- Jill Minter, Region 8 Wetlands Program

Further, I would like to request any and all email correspondence regarding the Gold King mine between Aug. 4 and Aug 9, 2015, sent to or from the following EPA officials:

- David Ostrander, director of the Emergency Response and Preparedness Program
- Gina McCarthy, EPA administrator

Thank you,  
Jessica Glenza

Any and all photographs taken by a U.S. EPA cleanup team attempting to perform remediation actions at the the Gold King mine near Silverton, Colo. on or about August 5, 2015. Any and all email messages sent by a U.S. EPA cleanup team attempting to perform remediation at the Gold King mine site on or about August 5, 2015 that refer to the remediation action.

1. Any and all communications between any Environmental Protection Agency personnel, on the one hand, and any personnel in the executive or legislative branch of the United States government, including, but not limited to the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, the Department of the Interior and the United States Department of Justice regarding the August 5, 2015 environmental disaster at the Gold King Mine in Silverton, Colorado. The time period for this request is August 5, 2015 to present.
2. Any and all communications between any Environmental Protection Agency personnel, on the one hand, and any personnel in the executive or legislative branch of any level of state, county and local government in the state of Colorado regarding the August 5, 2015 environmental disaster at the Gold King Mine in Silverton, Colorado. The time period for this request is August 5, 2015 to present.
3. All documents, including but not limited to photographs, notes, testing protocols, discharge volume estimates, results of tests, records, memoranda, minutes of meetings, recordings and transcripts of telephone conversations regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's response to the August 5, 2015 environmental disaster at the Gold King Mine in Silverton, Colorado. The time period for this request is August 5, 2015.
4. From Jan. 1, 2015 to August 5, 2015, all documents evidencing the training provided to Environmental Protection Agency employees or sub-contractors related to the safe installation of a tap to the tailing pond at the Gold King Mine in Silverton, Colorado.
5. All documents evidencing the timing of the Environmental Protection Agency's notification of the National Response Center regarding the environmental disaster on August 5, 2015 at the Gold King Mine in Silverton, Colorado. The time period for this request is August 5, 2015 to present.

All emails sent to or from the following EPA employees, Paula Schmittiel, Cynthia Peterson, and CERCLA's Steve Wharton, referring to the Gold King Mine or Animas River for the period between March 20, 2015 and the present.

On behalf of National Review (NR), a longstanding, national media outlet and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and your implementing regulations, please consider this request for certain public records. As a media outlet, NR engages in research, investigative journalism, and publication, with the goal of broadly disseminating public information obtained under open records and freedom of information laws to inform a broad readership and give Americans a better understanding of the workings, operations and functions of government.

Please provide us, within 20 working days, copies of all email (including also as cc: or bcc:) or other messages sent to or from any staff member of the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 Office relating to or mentioning the spill of pollutants into Cement Creek from Gold King Mine. This encompasses all responsive correspondence sent between 08/01/2015 and present day to or from official email and/or phone/PDA account(s) as well as any accounts used at any time by EPA staff for work correspondence, which communications include, in the subject or body, any reference to or mention of the following words or phrases:

"spill," "spilled", "Durango", "Silverton", "Colorado", "Cement Creek", "accident", "Animas", "river", "Gold King Mine" or "mine", "Colorado Pikeminnow", "Razorback Sucker", "Southwest Willow Flycatcher", "Yellow-billed Cuckoo"

We also request any correspondence sent to or from the Region 8 EPA office executives, staff, assistants and any others working in the Office over the last year referencing Colorado, Durango, Silverton or La Plata County and discussing "mine" (in all forms, including as a noun or verb, including "mines," "mining," "mined," etc.) and "Superfund."

We also request all correspondence from both levels between July 30, 2015, and present day, mentioning "Silverton Standard" or "Dave Taylor."

name of the contractor and the EPA Project Manager responsible for the recent unexpected release of mine waste from Gold King mine in early August 2015

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